REMARKS

Claims 14, 15, 28, and 29 are pending and under consideration. Claims 15 and 29 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 15 and 29 may be found in the claims, and at page 2, lines 24 to 28, page 10, lines 23 to 27, and page 12, lines 29 to 33 of the specification as filed originally. Further reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants submit the following summary of the Office interview that took place December 12, 2006 between the undersigned representative of the Applicants and the Examiner.

Office Conference:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned representative of the Applicants during the Office interview that took place December 12, 2006. Among the items discussed during the interview were the differences between the claimed invention in the cited references, U.S. Patent No. 5,050,091 to Rubin in particular, and the above–mentioned amendments to the claims. Claims 15 and 29, in particular, have been amended as discussed substantially during the Interview, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Further reconsideration is thus requested.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 14, 15, 28, and 29 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 14, 15, 28, and 29 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.
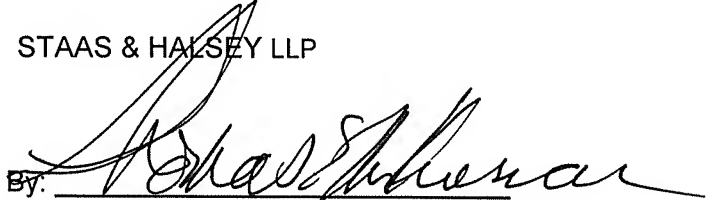
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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